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EDUCATION

Doctoral Studies (in progress) - August 2007 - May 2013 Oklahoma State University
Major: Geography - GPA: 3.7
Completed 58 hours of coursework and passed Comprehensive Exams.

M.A. Degree - May 2007 Louisiana State University
Major: Geography - GPA: 4.0

B.A. Degree - December 2003 Louisiana State University
Major: Geography. Minor: Sociology. GPA: Overall: 3.3. GPA in Major: 3.5. GPA in Minor: 4.0.

CERTIFICATES

OER Instruction Training Certificate	Houston Community College
Learning Innovation Certificate	Houston Community College
Certificate of Teaching Excellence	Houston Community College
Adjunct Academy Training Certificate	Houston Community College
Canvas Software Online Teaching Certificate	Houston Community College
Desire2Learn Software Online Teaching Certificate	Lone Star College
Grades 8-12 Social Studies Standard Teaching Certification	ACT Houston

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair, Anthropology and Geography Department Houston Community College
August 2021-Present
Leading a department consisting of Anthropology, Geography, and Geographic Information Science programs.

Geography Program Coordinator and Instructor Houston Community College
August 2017 - August 2021
Responsible for syllabi, textbooks, Student Learning Outcome assessments reports, Annual Program Review reports, and instructor classroom observation (in-person and online).
Instructed World Geography, Human Geography, and Physical Geography courses.
Taught in-person classes, synchronous and asynchronous online classes, and hybrid classes.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Geography Instructor (Full-Time, Temporary) Houston Community College
August 2016 - August 2017
Instructed on-campus and online World, Human, and Physical Geography courses.

Adjunct Faculty - Geography - August 2014 - August 2016 Houston Community College
Instructed on-campus World, Human, and Physical Geography courses.

Adjunct Faculty – Geography - August 2015 - Present West Texas A&M University
Instructing an asynchronous online Human Geography course.

Adjunct Faculty - Geography - March 2014 - August 2016 Lone Star College
Instructed online and on-campus World Geography and Physical Geography courses.
Guided an Honors College student through a research project for Honors credit.

Adjunct Faculty - Geography - August 2014 - August 2016 San Jacinto College
Instructed on-campus World, Human, and Physical Geography courses.

Graduate Teaching Associate - August 2008 - May 2013 Oklahoma State University
Instructed 1000, 2000, and 3000-level courses.
Instructed World Geography, Human Geography, and Geography of Latin America.
Taught 2 classes per semester with class sizes up to 90 students each.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

Teaching Assistant - August 2007 - July 2008

Oklahoma State University

Prepared and taught Introduction to Physical Geography labs.

Instructed 4 labs with up to 20 students each.

Advanced Placement Exam Reader - June 2010 - June 2015

Educational Testing Service

Graded Advanced Placement Human Geography essays during summers.

Substitute Teacher - February 2014 - May 2016

Ford Bend ISD, Texas

Substituted for teachers at several high schools, across a wide variety of academic disciplines.

Taught Pre-AP World Geography classes for two months as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher.

Student Teacher - September 2013 - December 2013

Clements HS, Fort Bend ISD, Texas

Instructed Advanced Placement Human Geography and Pre-AP World Geography, Grades 9-12.

Taught 6 Global Studies Academy honors classes with a total of 200 students.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 - Houston Community College Social and Behavioral Sciences Division nominee for the Texas NISOD Teaching Excellence Award.
- 2017, 2018 - Nominee, Teaching Excellence Award, Houston Community College.
- 2012 - Robert Norris Travel Scholarship, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University.
- 2010 - Inductee, Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographic Honor Society.
- 2009 - Steven W. Tweedie Travel Scholarship, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University.
- 2008 - Inductee, Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, Oklahoma State University.
- 2007 - Recipient, American Association of Geographers Student Paper Competition Awards:
 - Winner, David E. Sopher Award, Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Specialty Group.
 - 1st place, Master's student category, Cultural Geography Specialty Group.
 - 1st place, Master's student category, Latin Americanist Specialty Group.
- Recognition in "Graduate Student Highlights" section of *Kaleidoscope*, Volume 3 Issue 2, Louisiana State University's College of Arts and Sciences magazine.
- 2006 - Inductee, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.
- 2005 - Robert C. West Field Research Grant, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ROLES – HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 2021 - Organized faculty-run Visibility Committee to help advertise and promote the Anthropology and Geography Department.
- 2020 - Virtual Classroom Transition Mentor: Mentored a group of 4 faculty members through the transition from in-person to online classes as a result of COVID-19.
- Began second term as Geography Program Coordinator.
- 2018 - Chair of a Course Grade Appeals Panel.
- Convener, Anthropology and Geography Department Chair election.
- 2017 - Began first term as Geography Program Coordinator.
- Began serving as Adviser, Anthropology and Geography Club.
- Lead Developer, Physical Geography Curriculum Guide.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ROLES

- 2015 - Geography Curriculum Team Leader, Lone Star College.
- Adjunct Faculty Representative of Social Sciences Department, Lone Star College.
- 2012 - Elected Vice President, Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographic Honor Society, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University (served 2012-2013).
- 2009 - Elected Graduate Student Representative, Cultural Geography Specialty Group Executive Board, American Association of Geographers (served 2009-2011).
- 2005 - Elected Student-Faculty Liaison, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University (served 2005-2006).

SERVICE – HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 2021 - Member, Anthropology and Geography Department Visibility Committee.
- 2021 - Member, Chair Caucus.
- 2021 - Member, Reading Culture initiative.

- 2017-2021
2021
 - Organized 7 faculty talks as Faculty Advisor for the Anthropology and Geography Club.
 - Member, Screening Committee: Fulltime Instructor, Anthropology.
 - Member, Screening Committee: Dean, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division.
 - Secured funding for Ball State University scholar Dr. William Price to deliver a virtual talk on the geography of industrial tourism in Wales.
- 2020
 - Member, Multidisciplinary Studies Program Committee.
 - Member, Communication Skills Team, Core Curriculum Council.
- 2019
 - Secured funding for Georgia Southern University visiting scholar Dr. Amy Potter to deliver an academic talk on plantation tourism in the southern United States.
 - Secured funding to provide all Houston Community College Geography faculty with a copy of the book entitled "Geography: Why It Matters."
- 2018
 - Member, Screening Committee: Fulltime Instructor, Geography.
- 2017
 - Member, Core Curriculum Council (2017-present).
 - Member, World Geography Curriculum Guide Committee (2017-present).
 - Member, Geography Textbook Selection Committee (2017-present).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS CONDUCTED

- 2021
 - Conducted a Geography/GIS professional development session covering a wide variety of topics related to the instruction of Geography and GIS.
- 2020
 - Conducted 4 Flex Campus Teaching Modality training sessions for Houston Community College faculty.
 - Conducted an "Online Anytime" professional development session on teaching asynchronous online classes for Houston Community College's Anthropology and Geography Department faculty.

ACADEMIC TALKS GIVEN ON CAMPUS

- 2021
 - "Antics in the Arctic: Wintertime Travels in Far North Alaska and Norway." Co-Presenter along with HCC Geography Professor Bryant Evans. For the Houston Community College Anthropology and Geography Club. Virtual talk.
- 2020
 - "Urbanizing Amazonia: Rapid City Growth in Brazil's Rainforests." For the Houston Community College Anthropology and Geography Club. Virtual talk.
- 2009
 - Stephen W. Tweedie Travel Scholarship Talk: "Urbanizing Amazonia: The Political Ecology of Brazilian Amazonia." For the Oklahoma State University Department of Geography.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2021
 - Career Mentor, American Association of Geographers national conference. Virtual conference.
- 2020
 - Presenter, "Going Places with Geography at Houston Community College!" TxGISDay Annual Conference. Virtual conference.
- 2017
 - Panelist, "Departmental Mergers" session, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers regional meeting, Chico, CA.
- 2013
 - Organizer and Chair, "Aviation Geography" session, American Association of Geographers national conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2010
 - Presenter, "Geography of Religion and Belief Systems" session, American Association of Geographers national conference, Washington, DC.
- 2009
 - Presenter, "Cultural and Political Ecology" session, American Association of Geographers national conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2008
 - Presenter, "Cultural Geography" session, Association of American Geographers national conference, Boston, MA.
- 2007
 - Chair and Presenter, "Latin American Geography" session, American Association of Geographers national conference, San Francisco, CA.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 2020
 - Leading from the Middle. American Association of Geographers. Virtual conference.
 - National Council of Geographic Education Annual Conference. Virtual conference.
 - Race/Ethnicity/Place Annual Conference. Virtual conference.
 - New England / St. Lawrence Valley Division of the American Association of Geographers regional meeting. Virtual conference.
 - Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers regional meeting. Virtual conference.
- 2019
 - Texas Community College Teachers Association Conference, Houston, TX.

- 2018
 - Houston Community College Faculty Conference, Houston, TX.
 - Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division regional meeting, Manhattan, KS.
 - Association of Pacific Coast Geographers regional meeting, Reno, NV.
 - Houston Community College Faculty Conference, Houston, TX.
 - Texas LEAP Conference, Houston, TX.
- 2017
 - Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division regional meeting, Grand Forks, ND.
 - American Association of Geographers national conference, Boston, MA.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2012
 - Book Review: Blake Harrison, Richard Judd, and John Elder's *A Landscape History of New England* in the Journal of Cultural Geography.
- 2011
 - Book Review: Barry Lyons's *Remembering the Hacienda: Religion, Authority, and Social Change in Highland Ecuador* in Material Culture.
- 2008
 - Book Review: Joseph Scarpaci's *Plazas and Barrios: Heritage Tourism and Globalization in the Latin American Centro Histórico* in Historical Geography.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Conducted university-funded research in Mexico (2005) and Brazil (2009-2010).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Portuguese: Advanced Intermediate (conversational) comprehension, speaking, reading, writing. Spanish: Beginner comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing.

ADDITIONAL WORK/SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Houston Food Bank Volunteer – 2019-Present
Houston Food Bank
Helping with the Houston Community College Department of Anthropology and Geography's efforts on volunteer days.

Landscape Photography Exhibit Coordinator - 2009-2012
American Association of Geographers
Organized educational photography exhibits for professional geographers and geography graduate students at national conferences. Served as an advisor to exhibit coordinators in 2013 and 2014.

Landscape Photography Competition Judge - 2011 and 2013
American Association of Geographers
Judged photographs for the National Science Foundation-sponsored photography contest at national conferences.

Conference Volunteer - 2007-2009 and 2013
American Association of Geographers
Helped conference attendees find session rooms and educational books on display.

GIS Mapping Specialist - April 2007 - July 2007
Landworks, Inc.
Created digital oil lease boundaries for regional oil companies using ArcGIS 9.1 software.

Graduate Assistant - October 2005 - December 2006
LSU Hurricane Katrina GIS Clearinghouse
Prepared digital maps of areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina for government agencies, museums, and lawyers. Utilized ArcGIS 9.1 and Erdas Imagine 8.7 software.

Volunteer Reader - 2006
National Geographic
Read questions to contestants in Louisiana state-level National Geography Bee competition.

Red Cross Volunteer - September 2005 - October 2005
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
Entered data from Hurricane Katrina damage assessments into Excel spreadsheets for the Red Cross.